

**NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON**

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June 4, 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Status of National Security Programs on June 30, 1956

REFERENCES: A. NSC 5525
B. NSC 5602/1
C. NSC Action 1430-n

The President has directed that the departments and agencies responsible for the several national security programs prepare annually reports on the status of those programs for the information of the President and the National Security Council. As requested by the President, these reports should emphasize primarily trends as of the reporting date in comparison with the date of the preceding report and similar dates in future years so far as they can be reasonably projected. In the reports as of June 30, 1956, the President desires that the estimated future status of the programs be projected three years ahead to June 30, 1959. Trends should be expressed in terms of an integrated appraisal of the status of each program in achieving the objectives set forth in applicable national security policies, particularly NSC 5602/1. This appraisal should take into account not only developments in the U. S. program but also developments elsewhere in the Free World and in the Soviet Bloc which affect the ability of the program to achieve policy objectives. The President has further directed that each status report be as concise as possible consistent with adequate presentation.

Accordingly, it is requested that the Central Intelligence Agency, in consultation with other departments and agencies as may be appropriate, and with the assistance of the NSC Special Staff, submit promptly by August 15, 1956, two copies of a report on the status of the foreign intelligence program as of June 30, 1956. The content of this report should follow the general lines of Part 7 of NSC 5525, but should include material called for by NSC Action 1430-n as a separate annex, appropriately cross-referenced where feasible to the body of the report. In the preparation of this annex it is requested that you coordinate with other interested agencies as appropriate.

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